GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC has found six new Oil and Gas fields in early April, 2003 in the Western andEastern Coasts and North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the estimated reserves of oil and gas found in each region;

(c) the extent to which the finds would help the country in reducing the oil import bill;

(d) the number of surveys conducted during each of the last three years to find oil and natural gas in the country; and

(e) the countries with whom ONGC is having joint ventures to find oil reserves in India and their success rate?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a): In April 2003, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.(ONGC) announced six hydrocarbon finds made during 2002-03Out of the six finds, one each is in the Eastern Offshore and Rajasthan and two each are in the Eastern Offshore and the state of Assam.

(b) &(c): Exploration and the estimation of resources in any new field is a continuous and on going process and the leads thus obtained from various discoveries have to be pursued to consolidate the gains and produce hydrocarbons, for which no time frame can be laid down.

(d): Seismic surveys conducted by ONGC during the last three years are as follows:

Year	2D (GLK/LK)	3D (Sq.Km.)
2000-01	16,895	4,980
2001-02	32,973	8,076
2002-03	21,058	8,639

2D : Two Dimensional
3D : Three Dimensional
GLK : Ground Line Kilometre
LK : Line Kilometre
Sq.Km.: Square Kilometre

(e): ONGC does not have any joint venture with any country for hydrocarbon exploration in India.